The projects being run by the Non-Governmental Organizations under these schemes are being monitored by way of regular inspections by the officials of the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations Offices, specialized agencies or by the officers of the Ministry from time to time. The second installment of the grant is released only after the receipt of satisfactory report of the Inspecting Officer in respect of the project. No adverse report has been received against any organization which have received grants under these schemes from this Ministry during the last three years.

Missing Children

†715. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of children go missing every year in the country, particularly in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons for disappearing of children;

(c) the efforts made by Government for redressal of these reasons and to trace such children;

(d) whether the committee constituted by the National Human Rights Commission has tendered any suggestions for solution of this problem; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) As per the information of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the number of cases of missing children in Delhi during 2004, 2005 & 2006 were 6390, 6926 & 7025, respectively.

(b) No such data is maintained by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

(c) This Ministry has formulated a new centrally sponsored scheme namely "Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)" which envisages setting up of a 'National Website on Missing Children' to facilitate tracing, recovery and rehabilitation of the children who are either run away or are missing for various reasons.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The Committee constituted by the National Human Rights Commission has, *inter-alia,* made the following suggestions for solution of this problem:

(i) The Directorate General of Police of States should take appropriate steps to issue police orders/circulars/standing instructions, etc. sensitize all officers in this regard and also make them accountable;

(ii) Every Police Station across the country should have Special Squad/Missing Persons Desk to trace missing children;

(iii) Need to reiterate the implementation of the Supreme Court Guidelines given on 14.11.2002 in Writ Petition (Cri.) No. 610 of 1996 filed by Horilal *Vs.* Commissioner of Police, Delhi & Others in all police stations across the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(iv) The authorities concerned to hold district administration accountable and responsible for dereliction in discharging child/bonded labour, children working as domestic helper;

(v) The State Police Headquarters should evolve a system of mandatory reporting whereby all incidents of missing children across the country should be reported to the newly constituted National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR);

(vi) Police Investigating Team to involve the community at large such as representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions/Municial Committees/Neighbourhood Committees/ Resident Welfare Associations, etc. to made the investigation procedure transparent and user friendly;

(vii) In places where vulnerable groups of children are found in large numbers, the Director General of Police [DGPs] need to evolve some kind of a mechanism in partnership with non-governmental organizations and social workers, for counselling them and for raising awareness activities;

(viii) National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) should establish a National Tracking system that would encompass the grass-roots level in locating and tracing missing children;

(ix) To revive urgently the State/District Crime Records Bureax. The database on missing persons, their return and the processes involved should be properly documented;

(x) Need to establish a Child Helpline through NGOs/PRIs/other agencies with adequate support from Government in all the districts;

(xi) Ministry of Home Affairs may issue appropriate Guidelines to the States for outsourcing preliminary inquiry through Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) where police station strength is very poor;

(xii) The State Government to consider to issue appropriate directions to the law enforcement agencies to set a time limit of 15 days for tracing the child from the date of reporting after which an FIR should be registered;

(xiii) Sensitization of all Stake Holders to the issue of missing children;

(xiv) State Governments should notify some Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) for rescue and rehabilitation of children in Need of Care and Attention;

(xv) Central and State Government should initiate action for providing I-Cards to children;

(xvi) Proper implementation of the poverty alleviation programmes;

(xvii) To involve State Human Rights Commissions, Women Commission of State/Centre, etc. with regard to the issue of missing children;

(xviii Awareness and publicity through Media;

(xix) Special attention to transit for trafficking like railway stations, bus-stands, airports, sea-ports and such other places;

(xx) To solve the problems of missing children from across the boarder; and

(xxi) To conduct survey and research on missing children.